

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:**

**In the Claims** (bracketed parts deleted and underline parts added):

1. (Amended) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case comprising:

a handbag assembly including a bag having walls, a main compartment and an opening into said main compartment, said handbag assembly also including a side compartment and a cover member removably closing over said side compartment, and a fastening member for holding said cover member in a closed condition over said side compartment, said handbag assembly further including a carrying strap having ends securely attached to said bag, and also including a fastener for closing said opening into said main compartment, and further including a plurality of pockets securely attached to said bag, and also including light-emitting means removably attached to said bag;

wherein said handbag assembly also includes a mirror securely attached to said cover member, and further includes a coin pouch securely attached to said bag in side compartment and being closeable with a zipper member, and also includes a hook assembly securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment for holding keys and mace; and

wherein said fastening member is essentially a zipper securely attached about a portion of a perimeter of said side compartment and along a portion of a perimeter of said cover member.

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4. (Amended) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 1, wherein said fastener for closing said opening into said main compartment includes a draw string disposed

about an exterior of one of said walls of said bag near said opening and being adapted to cinch close said opening.

5. (Amended) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 1, wherein said handbag assembly further includes an identification card holder securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said side compartment, said identification card holder having a transparent wall to allow an identification card situated in said identification card holder to be visible through said transparent wall.

6. (Amended) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 1, wherein said plurality of pockets includes a first pocket being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold a cell phone, and also includes a second pocket being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold a pager device, and further includes a third pocket also being securely attached to one of said [side] walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold lipstick, and also includes a fourth pocket being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and having a plurality of separated compartments which are adapted to hold writing instruments and pads of paper, and further includes a fifth pocket being securely attached to an exterior of one of said walls of said bag and having a flap portion for closing said fifth pocket and being adapted to hold business cards, and also includes a plurality of pocket members being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said side compartment and being arranged one on top of another in a column and being adapted to hold cards such as credit cards.

7. (Amended) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 1, wherein said light-emitting means includes tubular light-emitting holders, each of said holders having a side wall and an open end, and also includes light-emitting members being disposed in said tubular light-emitting holders, and further includes batteries disposed in said light-emitting holders and being connected to said light-emitting members, and also includes on/off switches disposed at said open ends of said light-emitting holders and being connected to said light-emitting members and to said batteries for energizing said light-emitting members, and further includes hook and loop fasteners being securely attached to exteriors of said side walls of said light-emitting holders and to said walls of said bag in said main compartment for removably fastening said light-emitting holders to said bag.

8. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 7, wherein each of said light-emitting holders includes a plurality of holes being spaced apart and along a length of and disposed through said side wall thereof, each of said holes being adapted to receive a respective light-emitting member which is extended through said hole.

9. (Amended) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 1, wherein said hook assembly includes a loop member securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment, and also includes an eyelet securely attached to said loop member, and further includes a hook member being securely attached to said eyelet and having a hook and a latch movably attached to said hook for securely holding keys and mace in said main compartment.

10. (Allowed) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case

comprising:

a handbag assembly including a bag having walls, a main compartment and an opening into said main compartment, said handbag assembly also including a side compartment and a cover member removably closing over said side compartment, and a fastening member for holding said cover member in a closed condition over said side compartment, said handbag assembly further including a carrying strap having ends securely attached to said bag, and also including a fastener for closing said opening into said main compartment, and further including a plurality of pockets securely attached to said bag, and also including light-emitting means removably attached to said bag, said handbag assembly also including a mirror securely attached to said cover member, and further including a coin pouch securely attached to said bag in side compartment and being closeable with a zipper member, and also including a hook assembly securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment for holding keys and mace, said fastening member being essentially a zipper securely attached about a portion of a perimeter of said side compartment and along a portion of a perimeter of said cover member, said fastener for closing said opening into said main compartment including a draw string disposed about an exterior of one of said walls of said bag near said opening and being adapted to cinch close said opening, said handbag assembly further including an identification card holder securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said side compartment, said identification card holder having a transparent wall to allow an identification card situated in said identification card holder to be visible through said transparent wall, said plurality of pockets including a first pocket being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold a cell phone, and also including a second pocket

being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold a pager device, and further including a third pocket also being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold lipstick, and also including a fourth pocket being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and having a plurality of separated compartments which are adapted to hold writing instruments and pads of paper, and further including a fifth pocket being securely attached to an exterior of one of said walls of said bag and having a flap portion for closing said fifth pocket and being adapted to hold business cards, and also including a plurality of pocket members being securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said side compartment and being arranged one on top of another in a column and being adapted to hold cards such as credit cards, said light-emitting means including tubular light-emitting holders each of said holders having a side wall and an open end, and also including light-emitting members being disposed in said tubular light-emitting holders, and further including batteries disposed in said light-emitting holders and being connected to said light-emitting members, and also including on/off switches disposed at said open ends of said light-emitting holders and being connected to said light-emitting members and to said batteries for energizing said light-emitting members, and further including hook and loop fasteners being securely attached to exteriors of said side walls of said light-emitting holders and to said walls of said bag in said main compartment for removably fastening said light-emitting holders to said bag, each of said light-emitting holders including a plurality of holes being spaced apart and along a length of and disposed through said side wall thereof, each of said holes being adapted to receive a respective light-emitting member which is extended through said hole, said hook assembly including a loop

member securely attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment, and also including an eyelet securely attached to said loop member, and further including a hook member being securely attached to said eyelet and having a hook and a latch movably attached to said hook for securely holding keys and mace in said main compartment.

11. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case comprising:

- a handbag assembly including:

- a bag having walls, said walls forming a main compartment, said main compartment having an opening, a side compartment having a cover member pivotally mounted on said walls, a fastening member releasably fastening a portion of a perimeter of said cover member to a portion of a perimeter of said side compartment;

- a carrying strap having ends attached to said bag;

- a fastener for closing said opening into said main compartment;

- a plurality of pockets attached to said bag;

- light-emitting means removably attached to said bag;

- a mirror attached to said cover member;

- a coin pouch attached to said bag in side compartment; and

- a hook assembly attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment.

12. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 11, wherein said fastener for closing said opening into said main compartment includes a draw string disposed about an exterior of one of said walls of said bag near said opening and being adapted to cinch closed said opening.

13. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case

as described in claim 11, wherein said handbag assembly further includes an identification card holder attached to one of said walls of said bag in said side compartment, said identification card holder having a transparent wall to allow an identification card situated in said identification card holder to be visible through said transparent wall.

14. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 11, wherein said plurality of pockets includes a first pocket being attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold a cell phone, and also includes a second pocket being attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold a pager device, and further includes a third pocket also being attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and being adapted to hold lipstick, and also includes a fourth pocket being attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment and having a plurality of separated compartments which are adapted to hold writing instruments and pads of paper, and further includes a fifth pocket being attached to an exterior of one of said walls of said bag and having a flap portion for closing said fifth pocket and being adapted to hold business cards, and also includes a plurality of pocket members being attached to one of said walls of said bag in said side compartment and being arranged one on top of another in a column and being adapted to hold cards such as credit cards.

15. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 11, wherein said light-emitting means includes tubular light-emitting holders, each of said holders having a side wall and an open end, and also includes light-emitting members being disposed in said tubular light-emitting holders and further includes hook and loop fasteners being attached to exteriors of said

side walls of said light-emitting holders and to said walls of said bag in said main compartment for removably fastening said light-emitting holders to said bag.

16. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 15, wherein each of said light-emitting holders includes a plurality of holes being spaced apart and along a length of and disposed through said side wall thereof, each of said holes being adapted to receive a respective light-emitting member which is extended through said hole.

17. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 11, wherein said hook assembly includes a loop member attached to one of said walls of said bag in said main compartment, and also includes an eyelet attached to said loop member, and further includes a hook member being attached to said eyelet and having a hook and a latch movably attached to said hook for holding keys and mace in said main compartment.

18. (Pending) A lighted and content-organizing carrying case as described in claim 11, wherein said fastening member comprises a zipper.